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Patent Application of:  
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For: POWER SUPPLY APPARATUS AND  
POWER SUPPLY METHOD

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Examiner: Kabir A. Timory

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR  
ALLOWANCE & STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

**MS ISSUE FEE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and the Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary attached to the Notice of Allowance dated June 14, 2010, Applicants offer the following comments and statement.

**Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

Claims 1-13 and 19-22 remain allowed in connection with the present application.

The Examiner has offered a generic statement as to why the claims of the present invention are allowable over the prior art. Specifically, the Examiner has provided the same reasons for allowance for independent claims 1, 3, 7, 11, and 19. Applicants agree with the Examiner's reasons insofar as they pertain to independent claim 1. However, Applicants respectfully point out that the Examiner's reasons refer to language and features which are not found in independent claims 3, 7, 11, and 19. Thus, it is evident that the Examiner allowed independent claims 3, 7, 11, and 19 for different reasons. Therefore, each claim should be

separately considered as being allowable over the prior art, and should not in any way be limited by elements listed by the Examiner, but not present in the claim.

### **Statement of Substance of Interview**

In response to the Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary, attached is a statement of the substance of the Examiner-initiated telephonic interview. On May 26, 2010, Examiner Kabir Timory called Applicants' representative, Jason Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305), to notify Applicants of a restriction requirement between group I (claims 1-12 and 19-22) and group II (claims 13-18 and 23-31). On June 1, 2010, Applicants' representative called the Examiner to orally elect group I, and authorize an Examiner's Amendment to cancel the claims of group II. On June 2, 2010, the Examiner requested Applicant's representative to provide additional information regarding Cite No. CA in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 6, 2008, and Applicants' representative agreed to file a corrected PTO/SB/08 with such information.

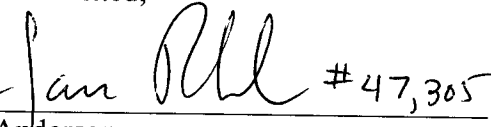
### **Conclusion**

Should there be any matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes (Registration Number 47,305) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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